

## Hughes Arranges For Inquiry Into 'Plane Production'

After Conference Returns  
to Await Collection and  
Classification of Data

Baker Offers His Aid

Attorney General Urges Special Investigation of Criminal Side of Case

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Plans for the Department of Justice investigation into airplane production were made today by Charles E. Hughes, who is to have charge, in conferences with Attorney General Gregory, Secretary Baker, Senator Chamberlain, chairman of the Senate Military Committee; Brigadier General Charles McK. Saltzman, Assistant Chief of the Signal Corps; and William L. Frier, Assistant Attorney General.

The conferences, held in the offices of the Attorney General, lasted all day and through this evening, when Mr. Hughes planned to return to New York for several days until the collection and classification of documents relating to airplane production is completed by Mr. Frier and War Department officers.

Senator Chamberlain spent several hours going over plans for the inquiry with Mr. Hughes and the Attorney General, and it was reported later that he might withdraw his pending resolution providing for a Senate investigation of the investigation is to be thorough, and asked Mr. Hughes to do his utmost to develop whether any criminal liability is involved in the conduct of any persons connected with airplane production.

## Expect Wilson to Insist On New Tax Measure

Despite Opposition to More Revenue Legislation, New Bills Are Prepared

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Despite smouldering opposition in Congress to any more revenue legislation at the present session, the impression is growing among party leaders that the Administration will insist on it nonetheless. The question will be determined finally after Secretary McAdoo confers Monday with Senator Simmons and Representative Kitchin.

A tax bill, providing higher rates on incomes and excess profits is being drafted by members of the House Ways and Means Committee in conference with Treasury officials for introduction next month, regardless of whether Congress remains in session to dispose of it. It will be drawn scientifically in the light of experience gathered in administering the present law and in examining returns now on file.

## What Is Going On To-day

ONE MEAL WHEATLESS. LID CROSS SERVICES. Address by Mr. A. J. Belmont on "With the American Red Cross in France," before the Free Speech League, Carnegie Hall, 10th Avenue and 13th Street, 7:30 p. m.

Memorial services of the Hebrew Union College, 10th Avenue and 13th Street, 8 p. m.

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## ELEVEN DEFENDANTS IN PRAGER LYNCHING TRIAL



Top row, left to right—William Brockmeier; Joseph Riegel, alleged leader of the mob; John L. Hallsworth, Charles Cranmer, Richard Dukes, jr., and Deputy Sheriff Vernon C. Coons. Bottom row, left to right—Wesley B. Caver, Frank Flannery, Cecil Larremore, James De Matties, Enid Elmore and Calvin Gilmore. Their red, white and blue patriotic ribbons are practically a part of their defence.

## Roberts Tells of Kiss That Led to Tragedy

Veterinarian Embraced Miss Lusk the First Time They Were Alone Together

WAUKESHA, Wis., May 18.—Dr. David Roberts told how he first kissed Grace Lusk when he resumed the witness stand at her trial for slaying his wife today.

It was at their first meeting alone in Miss Lusk's office, in the Young Women's Christian Association, after he had sought her help in correcting manuscript for his book, "Cattle Breeds and Origins."

"Did you kiss Miss Lusk or did she kiss you?" Henry Lockney, attorney for the defence, demanded.

"I think that I kissed Miss Lusk and Miss Lusk kissed me," Dr. Roberts replied.

"Did you kiss Miss Lusk more than once?"

"I don't remember."

"Where were you in the room when it happened?"

"It was when Miss Lusk was at her desk and I was leaning over her."

"Where did the second kiss take place?"

"We were both standing then."

In his previous testimony regarding this incident Dr. Roberts had declared that Miss Lusk had asked him if he loved her and he had answered that he honored and respected her.

After this meeting, which took place in March, 1915, according to the witness, he met Miss Lusk in Chicago hotels on a number of occasions until July, 1916, when his book was placed in the printer's hands.

## Boats Will Run to Troy

Clermont and Onteora To Be Operated in Through Service

Update manufacturers' anxiety will be set at rest by the announcement made yesterday that a direct line of steamers soon would be running between this city and Troy, N. Y. Prominent business men of Troy feared that Albany would be the head of navigation on the Hudson, when it was learned that the Hudson Navigation Company had discontinued service, owing to the commandeering of two steamers by the government.

The Troy Chamber of Commerce, however, has reached an agreement with the receivers of the Catskill Evening Line whereby they are permitted under court order to put the Clermont and the Onteora in service between Troy and New York.

The Clermont is one of the newest boats on the river, having been placed in commission in 1911. She and the Onteora have been thoroughly overhauled and repaired. They ran in the Catskill Evening Line service last year.

## British Destroyer Sunk

By a German Submarine

LONDON, May 18.—A British destroyer, sunk on Tuesday by a German submarine, the Admiralty announced. The announcement reads: "One of the British destroyers was torpedoed and sunk by an enemy submarine on May 14. Two men were killed."

The new rates will mean an increase of from five to six cents on each fare and the company will withdraw commutation tickets that have been selling at twelve for \$1. The traction company pleaded increased operating costs.

## British Chaplain Found

Dead in Vladivostok

TOKIO, Tuesday, May 14.—The chaplain of a British warship in the port of Vladivostok has been found dead in the suburbs, says a dispatch to the "Asahi Shimbun" from Vladivostok. He had been shot, and the case is believed to be one of murder, the advice state.

The sale will be conducted by MR. THOMAS E. KIRBY and his assistants, Mr. Otto Berner and Mr. H. H. Parke, of the AMERICAN ART ASSOCIATION, Managers Madison Sq. South, Entrance 6 E. 23d Street, New York.

## Hegeman Suspended By New York A. C.

Member for 35 Years Accused of Being Source of Derogatory Article

The New York Athletic Club, which recently expelled certain members suspected of pro-German tendencies, has suspended Adrian G. Hegeman, for thirty-five years a member of the organization.

Mr. Hegeman, it is charged, inspired the article headed "Old Glory Missing on Travers Island," the summer headquarters of the club, which was printed in one of the New York dailies on April 20. It is alleged Mr. Hegeman stated in the article that, despite his protests, the club had failed to fly American flags from the pole on the island.

Following the publication of the article, Mr. Hegeman says, he was notified by Walter H. Howe, secretary of the club, that he had been suspended from the organization. He was cited to appear to answer the charges filed against him before the board of governors at its meeting last Tuesday night.

Accompanied by his attorneys, Arthur G. Basch and Saul Gordon, Mr. Hegeman went to the club rooms to defend himself. He was also accompanied by Gustave Frohman, the theatrical man; Miss Vera Winters, who is related to the royal Serbian family; Alonzo Letts, a New York broker, and the latter's daughter, Miss Juliette Letts—all of whom were present. Mr. Hegeman said, to tell of the absence of the flag from Travers Island.

According to Mr. Hegeman, after waiting two and one-half hours after the time set for the hearing, the board of governors refused to hear any one but Mr. Hegeman. When his counsel advised him he had the right to introduce witnesses he left the clubhouse without a hearing. His friends say Mr. Hegeman will take the matter to court, if necessary.

He was at Fort Hamilton yesterday, where he arranged an entertainment for the soldiers.

## Six-Cent Fare in Jersey

TRENTON, N. J., May 18.—Despite opposition advanced by four New Jersey municipalities today, the State Board of Public Utilities granted the New Jersey and Pennsylvania Traction Company the right to increase fares in four zones between this city and Princeton.

The new rates will mean an increase of from five to six cents on each fare and the company will withdraw commutation tickets that have been selling at twelve for \$1. The traction company pleaded increased operating costs.

## House Holds Up Reply

To Creel's Apology

Sharp Division of Sentiment Revealed in Congressional Committee Report

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune) WASHINGTON, May 18.—The House Committee on Rules did not take any action today following the receipt of George Creel's apology for his comment on Congress. The committee considered the entire Creel matter in closed session, but without result. It is understood that there is some division of sentiment in the committee, several members desiring to force the issue on Creel and bring about some action and others preferring to let the whole matter drop.

The committee will meet again Monday, and there are indications that the apology may not be able to stem the storm directed against Creel.

## New York Men Win

Army Commissions

(Special Dispatch to The Tribune) WASHINGTON, May 18.—New York men commissioned by the War Department today included:

Henry G. Keller, 170 Broadway, first lieutenant, Engineer Reserve Corps.

James A. De Gaudenzi, 404 Third Street, and James E. Gay, East Hampton, Long Island, second lieutenants, Ordnance Reserve Corps.

Alfred Langdon Dana, Great Neck; Norman Alexander Hayner, 9 Saratoga Avenue, Yonkers; Ernest Maitland Laprade, 17 West Eighty-fourth Street, Louisville; 31 East Ninety-third Street; Charles Peter Pearson, 104 West 101st Street, and Spencer Owens Shetter, 1000 Park Avenue, second lieutenants, aviation section, Signal Reserve Corps.

Arbor Day Munger, 14th Regimental Artillery, and Joseph Raphael, 100 Sixth Avenue, Brooklyn, captains, and Maurice James Duffy, 132 Kelly Street, Bronx; Abram Leidovitz, 392 Central Park West; Joseph Humphrey Toomey, 60 West Seventy-third Street, and Herman Weinstein, 174 Canal Street, first lieutenants, Medical Reserve Corps.

## "Dead" Soldier Alive

Jamaica Youth Supposed Lost on Alcedo, Is in France

JAMAICA, L. I., May 18.—John H. von der Wall, whose mother lives here, has been mourned as dead since the report of the sinking of the U. S. S. Alcedo was made public last fall. His name was included among the missing.

His mother received a letter yesterday from him. He is at a base hospital in France. He expects to be discharged soon.

Von der Wall wrote that after the ship was torpedoed he found himself in the water close to Oscar F. Gaus, of Richmond Hill. The latter, who was reported missing at the same time as von der Wall, was drowned. He managed to keep afloat for hours, and finally succeeded in reaching a piece of wreckage, which supported him until he was picked up and landed in France. Von der Wall is twenty-four years old. He has two brothers, both of whom are in the army.

## Device to Float Torpedoed Ships Is Disapproved

Board Says Donnelly Buoyancy Boxes on the Lucia Are Impracticable

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The examining board appointed by Secretary Daniels to investigate the practicability of the Donnelly system of buoyancy boxes, as installed on the steamer Lucia, has reported that the installation is not advisable for general adoption. The following reasons were given by the board:

"Questionable efficacy as a preventive against sinking.

"Necessity of reducing the cargo carrying capacity, both dead weight and cubic contents.

"Length of time required for installation.

"An actual test by the explosion of a torpedo against the side of the vessel was not made, but the board, through calculations based on the results of damage actually received by ships that have been torpedoed, arrived at the conclusion that should the Lucia ever be torpedoed she would become little better than a water-logged derelict, difficult to salvage, even if she remained afloat.

The Lucia is one of the Austrian steamers seized at the declaration of war. Her tests attracted wide attention and were made at government expense of more than \$100,000.

## Army Seeking Specialists

Engineers and Other Workers

Two new calls for men of special qualifications were issued yesterday by army recruiting agencies in New York. The War Department is asking for twenty-five electricians and fifteen high-pressure steam engineers to be attached to the 37th Regiment, United States Engineers, at Fort Myer, Virginia. Men of draft age may be inducted. Applications may be made to Captain Arthur P. Cosby, Military Training Camps Association, 19 West Forty-fourth Street.

The Signal Corps radio schools have vacancies for several hundred high school and college men. Men of draft age not in the current quota are eligible. Major E. N. Sanctuary, N. A. A. G., will be at the recruiting bureau, Room 615, Hall of Records Building, Tuesday morning to interview applicants. Application blanks may be obtained from the Mayor's committee.

Six thousand four hundred men applied for enlistment at the central recruiting bureau of the Mayor's committee last week. The quartermaster's corps, merchant marine, Naval Reserve, army, navy, National Guard, Marine Corps and British and Canadian Recruiting Mission have recruiting offices in this bureau.

## Ship Board Adopts Deck

And Engine Wage Scale

WASHINGTON, May 18.—A standard wage scale, representing about \$15 a month increase a man, today was announced by the Shipping Board for members of the deck and engine departments of Atlantic and Gulf ships.

The new wage scale corresponds in many particulars to the Pacific scale, which was asked by representatives of the maritime unions for Atlantic and Gulf sailors at a conference here several weeks ago.

## Soldiers in France To Vote, if Possible

States Which Can Devise Plan of Collecting Ballots Can Do So, Says Baker

WASHINGTON, May 18.—The question of taking the soldier vote in France has been reopened by the War Department with the hope that some way may be evolved to take it which will not interfere with military efficiency. Secretary Baker indicated that any state which devised a practical and workable way of collecting its soldier ballots would be permitted to do so.

"The question of having the soldiers vote is a difficult one," the Secretary said, "but everybody is anxious to have it done, if possible. You know, with the soldiers in this country, we made a rule that wherever a state had provided the machinery for taking the vote we would help all we could. The War Department obviously cannot assume the responsibility of taking, collecting and returning the votes.

"If it is possible for us to work out a plan by which we can facilitate the states doing it through their own agencies, we will be very happy to do it. If states provide machinery which is practicable and can be worked we will do our utmost to enable them to work it. If some plans are practicable and some impracticable we will not punish those states whose plans are practical because of the impracticability of others."

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## No Gasoline Restriction

Oil Administrator Says It Is Not Yet Necessary

WASHINGTON, May 18.—Restrictions on the consumption of gasoline by the general public are not yet considered necessary by the fuel administration, Mr. L. Requa, Oil Administrator, said today.

The situation is being studied with a view to future action, but until government requirements of gas for aviation and military transport expand materially no regulations will be enforced to obstruct ordinary use.

The administrator does not believe the situation will be changed during the next few months.

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## Salvation Army

'OverTop' Here With \$300,000 for Fund

Campaign Ends With New York Far Exceeding the Mark Set

## To Aid Red Cross Now

Commander Booth Announces All the Workers Will Help the Other Organization

New York got squarely behind the Salvation Army yesterday, the last day of the Army's drive for a \$250,000 war fund, and before the last subscription was recorded at midnight last night had put the total for the fund at something like \$300,000. Exact figures will not be available until tomorrow or the day after.

The campaign committee, of which George Gordon Battle was chairman, stopped counting when the fund reached \$252,625, with the day's receipts just beginning to come in. The drive had succeeded and that was all the committee wanted to know for the moment.

Now the entire force of Salvation Army workers plan to jump in and work for and with the Red Cross in order that its drive may be equally successful. That the Army may be recognized as an official part of the Red Cross drive, Commander Evan- geline Booth issued an order last night that every Salvation Army worker in the country devote one entire day and as many hours more a day as he or she can possibly spare in the interests of the drive.

In announcing the successful result of their campaign, Colonel William McIntyre, of the Salvation Army, said that the Army workers considered the public had given them a wonderful vote of confidence.

"Over 700,000 persons contributed to the fund in this city," said Colonel McIntyre. "For every member of the Army I want to express the deepest gratitude to those who have given and to pledge ourselves to work for others as willingly as they worked for us."

George Gordon Battle declared the success of the drive was cause for the public to congratulate itself, quite as much as it was for the Army. "The total figures," added Mr. Battle, "prove that we have here in this country the greatest, grandest public for games and sheer patriotism that anywhere exists."

## Will Launch 4 Ships At Newark in Month

Two Steel and Two Wooden Vessels To Be Christened Within Thirty Days

NEWARK, N. J., May 18.—Four ships—two steel and two wooden—will be launched in the Newark Bay shipyards within the next thirty days. The vessels will be turned out at the yards of the Submarine Boat Corporation, the Federal Shipbuilding Company and the Foundation Company.

The first two concerns are building steel ships and the forthcoming launchings will be the first at their yards. The submarine company will probably send its first boat down the ways before the end of the month, and the steel vessel to be launched by the Federal company will take water early next month.

The Foundation company, which has already turned out two wooden ships, expects to launch two more on the same day. No date has been set. It is a possibility that the company may put three hulls in the water on the same day. There is a strong rivalry between the crews working on the three hulls.

When these launchings take place the Newark district will have contributed 28,600 tons of shipping. The two vessels already launched by the Foundation Company were 3,500 tons each, and the two more, at least, will be of the same capacity. The tonnage of the ships to be launched by the Federal company will be 9,000 and that of the Submarine Boat, 5,000.

## Larger 'Planes for Air Mail

Postal Authorities Consider That Change

Plans to use larger aeroplanes in the New York, Philadelphia and Washington aerial mail service are under consideration by postal authorities, it was reported yesterday.

All persons, except army men and postoffice employees directly concerned in the air line mail service, are barred from the Belmont Park field hereafter, as a measure of precaution against accident, it was further announced. Stephen Bonsal started for Philadelphia at 11:23 a. m. Lieutenant Payne Culver was scheduled to relieve Lieutenant Bonsal at Philadelphia.

When it left here the plane carried

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